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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Inventor(s): ELLIS

Appln. No.: PCT/US97/21812

Filed: November 28, 1997

Title: GLOBAL NETWORK COMPUTERS

Date: February 24, 1999

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On January 16, 1998, the U.S. Receiving Office mailed to Applicant a communication requesting that the Applicant provide application numbers identifying priority applications. Applicant was given one month in which to respond.

On February 13, 1998, Applicant filed a copy of Form PCT/RO/101 to Virginia Irby at RO/US IAPD - PCT Operations, with the requested application numbers handwritten on the Form PCT/RO/101, a copy of which is attached. As can be seen on the enclosed Form PCT/RO/101, Applicant added the application numbers to the bottom portion of the Form PCT/RO/101. Applicant also should have added the very same application numbers, a second time, to the items numbered 4, 5 and 6 in the supplemental box, but neglected to do so.

Applicant submits that the three application numbers, which were handwritten into the supplemental box, also apply to items 4, 5 and 6, respectively, of the supplemental box.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the PCT Receiving Office understood that items 4, 5 and 6 referred to Box No. VI and not Box No. V, as erroneously entered on Form PCT/RO/101. Applicant is submitting a copy of Form PCT/RO/101 obtained from the U.S. Receiving Office showing that the U.S. Receiving Office altered the "V" to a "VI".

In addition, the corrected version of the cover page of the published application lists the items 4, 5 and 6 under the Priority Data heading, with the words "Not furnished" where the application numbers should appear. However, the correct application numbers are included under the information listing the domestic priority documents. A copy of the corrected version of the cover page of the published application is enclosed.

Since all of the priority information had been presented to the U.S. Receiving Office prior to 17 months from the priority date, Applicant respectfully requests an acknowledgement of the above-mentioned priority information and a new corrected version of the cover page of the published application with the corrected priority information. In the event that it is decided that it is not possible to publish a corrected version of the cover page of the published application, Applicant requests an acknowledgement that the correct priority information would have been published if the priority error had been pointed out to the U.S. Receiving Office prior to 17 months from the priority date.

Please charge the Rule 17(h) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81498/124823 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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Date of mailing (day/month/year)	16 JAN 1998
Applicant's or agent's file reference GNC7PCT	REPLY DUE See paragraph 1 below
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1. ☒ REPLY DUE within ONE MONTH from the above date of mailing
- ☐ NO REPLY DUE, however, see below \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION
- ☐ INFORMATION ONLY

2. COMMUNICATION:

28 NOV 1997

The international application papers filed \_\_\_\_\_ assert priority under PCT Article 8 and Rule 4.10 with a request that a copy of the priority application(s) be prepared and forwarded to the International Bureau. The request cannot be granted without the application number identifying the priority application(s).

The application number, if furnished by expiration of the 16th month (Rule 4.10) will be considered to have been furnished in time.

name and mailing address of the receiving Office Assistant Commissioner for Patents PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 No. _____ PCT/RO/132 (July 1992)	Attn: RO/US	Authorized officer Virginia Irby <i>Irby</i> Paralegal Specialist IAPD - PCT Operations Telephone No. (703) 305-3748
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